

Thursday, December 13, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Ten "One-minutes" Per Side	

**Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.**

### Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 859-Rule to provide for consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2082 – Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rep. Hastings (FL)-Rules):** The rule provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and its consideration. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Hastings (FL), and consideration will proceed as follows:
  - One hour of debate on the rule.
  - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the previous question.**
  - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule.**
- **Conference Report on H.R. 2082 - the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rep. Reyes – Intelligence):** Debate on the Conference Report will be managed by Intelligence Committee Chair Rep. Silvestre Reyes, or his designee, and will proceed as follows:
  - One hour of debate on the Conference Report.
  - Possible debate and vote on a Republican Motion to Recommit.
  - Vote on adoption of the Conference Report.
- **H. Res. 869-Rule providing for consideration of H.J.Res. 69- making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (Rep. Slaughter-Rules):** The closed rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule contains one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule directs the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to insert in the Congressional Record at any time during the remainder of the first session of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress such material as he may deem explanatory of appropriations measures for the fiscal year.

Finally, the rule lays H.Res. 839 and H.Res. 850 on the table. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rules Committee Chair Rep. Louise Slaughter, and consideration will proceed as follows:

- One hour of debate on the rule.
  - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the previous question.**
  - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule.**
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- **H. J. Res. 69 – Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (Rep. Obey-Appropriations):** Pursuant to the rule debate on the resolution will be managed by Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. David Obey, or his designee, and will proceed as follows:
    - One hour of debate on the resolution.
    - Possible debate and vote on a Republican Motion to Recommit.
    - Vote on adoption of the resolution.

### **Bill Summary and Key Issues**

### **FY 2008 INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE REPORT**

The Intelligence Authorization for FY 2008 authorizes funding for intelligence operations and activities, and personnel levels for the 16 elements of the Intelligence Community (IC). In addition, it does the following:

#### **Enhances the Oversight and Effective Management of the IC** by

- Creating statutory, Senate confirmed IC Inspector General (IG) with the authority to inspect, audit and investigate activities across the IC
- Requiring Senate confirmation for Directors of the NSA and NRO
- Requiring report on compliance with the Detainee Treatment Act of 2005 and related provisions of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 regarding detentions and interrogations and DOJ legal opinions related to these activities
- Mandating CIA IG audits of all covert action programs every three years
- Requiring reports to Congress on the nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea
- Prohibiting implementation of pay for performance until plans are delivered to Congress
- Requiring guidelines for the implementation of an IC multilevel security clearance approach to increase linguistic and cultural expertise
- Designating DIA, NRO and NSA IGs official designees of DoD IG
- Requiring a comprehensive listing of all special access programs
- Reviving the Commission to review the status of Research and Development in the IC

**Encourages IC Management Accountability and Efficiency** in personnel management; use of contractors; workforce diversity; foreign language proficiency; protecting intelligence officer and agents identities; vulnerability assessments of major systems; space intelligence management; business enterprise architecture; major systems acquisition; excessive cost growth of major systems; implementing data efficiency report recommendations; and management of aerial reconnaissance platforms

**Enhances Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Management Authority and Flexibility** by authorizing DNI to establish, and fund boards and commissions; fund information sharing initiatives across federal government; conduct accountability reviews; adjust compensation for critical positions; and delegate DNI authorities to protect sources and methods to the Chief Information Officer

**Authorizes Funds to Improve Effectiveness of Intelligence Programs and Activities**

For the first time, this Intelligence Authorization conference report authorizes the IC base budget and a full year of supplemental funding for Iraq and counterterrorism activities.\* It also:

- Reduces duplication between the base and supplemental
- Moves some core activities from the supplemental into the base
- Withholds a significant amount of supplemental funding related to the Administration's recently-announced Cyber Initiative pending further investigation by the Congress into its legal and technical underpinnings
- Adds significant additional funding for Advanced Research and Development funding to help the Intelligence Community maintain its technical edge, and include funds to pursue research into Global Climate change
- Reduces funds for non-productive intelligence activities in Iraq
- Fully funds activities to accelerate key global counterterrorism activities
- Funds accelerated integration of ground processing and exploitation of imagery collected from commercial and national sensors
- Funds initiatives to repair and replace aging and inadequate power infrastructure
- Adds funds to improve training and education of linguists, analysts and Human Intelligence collectors
- Reduces excessive levels of funding for contractors, and requires reporting on the numbers and functions of contractors
- Provides full funding for the operations of the National Drug Intelligence Center

In addition, the conference report includes provisions that:

- Extend to DNI exemptions currently held by CIA including Operational Files, Privacy Act, and Federal Advisory Act exemptions
- Provide CIA and NSA protective officers arrest authorities in the performance and furtherance of their protective duties
- Clarify that CIA is no longer required to report to Congress on steps taken to ensure financial statements can be audited to reflect that CIA has now submitted audited financial statements to OMB in compliance with the law
- Repeal select reporting requirements that are duplicative or no longer useful
- Clarify authorities of DNI Director of Science and Technology
- Allow delegation of authority to travel on non-US common carriers
- Extend the authority to delete information about foreign gifts
- Clarify prohibition on co-location of DNI's office
- Give DNI membership on Transportation Security Board
- Modify the NSA scholarship program to allow NSA not to reveal that IC is funding scholarship
- Clarify NGA analysis and dissemination authorities
- Grant NSA flexibility in granting security clearance authorities for limited time
- Require report on granting retirement benefits to Air America employees

- Clarify that select elements of the Coast Guard and DEA are part of the IC

**Quote of the Day**

“The future lies with those wise political leaders who realize that the great public is interested more in government than in politics.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

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